
Subject: Infant Food Packages

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Revised from:

Policy: The infant food package shall be customized to meet the client's nutritional needs, food preferences, food intolerances and/or household conditions.

Infants four months old and older may receive infant cereal. Infants six months old and older may receive adult juice and infant cereal.

The food package should be issued on the minimum number of checks available unless the rationale for spreading the food package out over a larger number of checks is documented in the client's KWIC record. Reasons to increase the number of checks issued per month may include inadequate storage/refrigeration or inability to transport the larger quantity of food.

Procedure:

1. Breastfed infants should not be offered formula. (see breastfed infant policy)
 - a. Formula should only be issued when specifically requested by the breastfeeding woman.
 - b. Partially breastfed infants shall be prescribed less than the maximum amount of **powdered** infant formula.
2. Non-breastfed infants shall be issued a primary contract infant formula unless either a non-contract or a special formula is prescribed by a health care professional. (see primary contract infant formula, non-contract infant formula, and special infant formula policies)
3. Either powdered, concentrated liquid or a combination of powdered and concentrated liquid shall be routinely provided to non-breastfed infants.
4. Ready to feed formula may be authorized when the CPA determines and documents one or more of the following.
 - a. The household has an unsanitary or restricted water supply.
 - b. The household water is supplied by well water that has not been tested and the family cannot afford either water testing or bottled water.
 - c. Concerns about the caregiver's ability to correctly dilute concentrated liquid or powdered formula.
 - d. Caregiver/medical care provider request for a preterm or medically fragile infant.
 - e. If the household has both an unsanitary or restricted water supply and lack of refrigeration single serving containers of ready-to-feed formula may be issued

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5. The KWIC system will automatically add infant cereal to the food package on checks with a first day to use in the month the infant is four-months old on the first day of the month.
6. The KWIC system will automatically add adult juice to the food package on checks with a first day to use in the month the infant is six-months old on the first day of the month.
 - a. Single serving juice boxes may be issued if a lack of household refrigeration is documented in the KWIC record.